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ORDER NO. 5069

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 1, 1997

Application of L THOMPSON

ENTERPRISES, INC., for a

Certificate of Authority --)

Irregular Route Operations

By application filed April 25, 1997, L Thompson Enterprises,
Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for
irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less
than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the DC Medicaid program.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. The application states that applicant will lease the van from one of its shareholders, but applicant's financial statements indicate that applicant owns the van, has issued a promissory note in payment and will be claiming depreciation expense. Applicant will be directed to file either (1) amended financial statements consistent with the existence of a vehicle lease or (2) a statement that applicant owns the vehicle identified in the application.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than May 12, 1997, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
- 2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than June 2, 1997, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.
- 3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than May 12, 1997, an original and four copies of either (1) amended financial statements consistent with the existence of a vehicle lease or (2) a statement that applicant owns the vehicle identified in the application.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is June 2, 1997, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Lois D. Fant, 8300 Richville Drive, Forestville, MD 20747.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery

Executive Director,